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Hello,

In my view the antitrust settlement is completely unacceptable. The sollutions in the antitrust agreement will not stop Microsoft from continuing its current business practices. Windows XP is an excellent example of what Microsoft does best... force things onto an unwilling industry.

I have specific problems with the following items.

The intentional degradation of MP3 files with the new media player. How does this benefit anyone besides Microsoft and its WMA format?

Unacceptable power to audit company's usage of windows products. This is so close to racketeering that its virtually indistinguishable. Forcing large corporations to one of microsoft's lincense managers is evil. Microsoft requires it and then charges tens of thousands of dollars for a single implementation so microsoft can see how much of their software you are using. NOT ACCEPTABLE

Non Disclosure of API interfaces. Without knowledge of these all important interfaces one can not write programs to interface with windows. Microsoft retains the rights to disclose these interfaces as it chooses under the antrtrust settlement. This is an enormous power for microsoft to pick and choose who writes what products at will.

Bundling services. This is detailed in the antitrust ligation but it needs to be more enforceable.

The right choose what programs I have. Ever attempted to delete microsoft outlook and see it comeback within 10 seconds? Microsoft is using windows file protection to insure that certain programs remain installed no matter what. I hate outlook but I can't uninstall it. Windows XP is the same way.

Anyway you can see that this antitrust settlement is bogus. I needs to be rewritten with some of the opposition involved. They know what dirty tricks Microsoft has employed. Let them have a say in fixing what was done to them.

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